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RR Study: Bethel option a big draw for riders

By ALISON ALOISIO

If passenger rail service were extended from Portland to Auburn, an estimated minimum 30,000 people would ride each year.

But if the service were extended to Bethel, the number of riders would double.

That was one of the projections in Bethel made last week at a presentation by transportation consultants hired by the Maine Department of Transportation.

The rail study was conducted by AECOM, which does business worldwide.

The presentation took place at the Bethel Inn, and provided estimates for potential rail ridership, and costs, for train service from Portland to Auburn, Bethel, and Montreal. About 30 people attended.

There were two earlier presentations in Bethel, as the study progressed.

The results, calculated using money values in 2020, are based on the assumption that

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Dumont returns to host cup event

By ALISON ALOISIO

Freestyle skier Simon Dumont of Bethel returns to Sunday River this weekend for the third annual Dumont Cup competition.

The 24-year-old skier holds the world record jump in a ski quarterpipe (35 feet in height). He has also won the SuperPipe event twice in the Winter X-Games.

Despite his youth, Dumont is a veteran who has been competing since he was a teenager. He's been around long enough to see the sport change.

"The depth of field is probably the biggest difference," he said last week. "So many more kids have started the sport and so many of them are getting to be very highly competitive, this sport has really grown both in numbers and progression."

As a youngster himself, Dumont also did gymnastics, a sport that has similarities and carryovers to freestyle skiing.

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**BASEBALL
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**Sign Up ENDS
Friday, April 1**Late sign up may not
assure team availabilityA skills assessment
will be held April 10

A dozen (if you count the spirit of Grammy Maggie) snowshoers took advantage of Saturday's sunshine and soft snowpack to enjoy the loop and overlooks of Maggie Ring's Nature Park in Greenwood. Here the group, which included members of the Mahoosuc Land Trust and visitors from away, prepares to set out for the hike between the South Pond and Twitchell Pond overlooks. The 83-acre park was donated to the town by the late Maggie Ring, with a conservation easement held by the MLT. The full loop taken by this group can be completed on snowshoes in two hours or so. A less ambitious jaunt, from the Greenwood Road trailhead to this spot and back can be completed in less than an hour (with plenty of time left to relax at the top and enjoy the view). The park has well-marked trails (blazed by Blaine Mills) for all ages and abilities. Maps are available at the Greenwood Town Office and at the trailhead.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

**Bethel
Budget
Committee:
Pull the plug
on Ch. 11**

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Despite difficult economic times, requests for contributions to local organizations and regional social service agencies fared well in during the initial phase of Bethel's FY12 budgeting process.

Local requests totaled \$57,794 (down 2.5 percent from the previous year), while area social service agencies requested \$11,900 (up 10.8 percent).

The requests were reviewed jointly by the town's Board of Selectmen and its 12-member Budget Committee.

The third, and final, meeting of the two boards was Wednesday evening (after the Citizen's press time), but going into that meeting, the selectmen were recommending voters approve all the contributions, in full.

The Budget Committee was largely in agreement, except on two requests. The budgeters opted (five votes to three) not to recommend approval of a \$6,343 request from Channel 11 and a \$2,000 request for fireworks on Independence Day weekend.

The selectmen's vote to approve, was four to one, with Dennis Doyon opposing the request.

Channel 11, the local public access channel, has provided local programming since the late 1980s.

It is funded largely by

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Fire, wind, water on Woodstock's warrant

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock residents will vote Monday on a municipal budget that includes proposals for enhanced fire protection, funds to fix a dam and money for a new plow truck.

They will also consider the sale of a former fire station, and the establishment of a committee to create a setback

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The total would decline largely because selectmen recommend raising no funds this year for the Public Ways and Bridges Account. Last year, residents raised \$50,000.

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in Saturday's day-long meeting.

New Road Bond?

After the defeat Saturday of a motion to raise \$50,000 to begin building a fund for fixing a mile-long stretch of the Farmer's Hill Road, selectmen said

they will research the feasibility of taking out a road bond for the project, to possibly be

discussed at next year's town meeting.

This year's article to raise funds for the road was proposed by road resident Sid Pew.

"The road is absolutely terrible," said Pew.

Last year the town took out a 10-year, \$500,000 road bond to

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Gilead voters will make the call on garage

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Saturday's annual town meeting, Gilead voters will decide whether or not to buy Cole's Custom Auto garage for \$133,500.

The article is one of 37 on the warrant.

If all the municipal money articles are approved (the school budget is not yet avail-

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Garage purchase

If voters approve the Cole property purchase, the building would become the town garage. Currently, Highway Department trucks share space with the Fire Department.

Last fall Ken Cole, Gilead's fire chief, offered the garage

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Revaluation returns as an option for Upton

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual town meeting March 31, Upton voters will decide whether or not to

do a revaluation for the first time in at least two decades.

They rejected the same proposal at a special town meeting last September.

If the proposal is approved this time around, the impact on the municipal budget would be minimal, according to Jim Rector, the town's treasurer/tax collector, thanks in

part to a decline in the amount to be raised for school costs.

Approving a revaluation, along with all other money articles, would require raising \$146,379 from taxes, \$2,428 more than last year, he said.

The mil rate of 7.50 would likely increase to approximately 7.70, he said.

The revaluation would cost

an estimated \$34,000. Half of that would be put aside this year, and half next. Each time, \$8,500 would be raised from taxation and an equal amount would be taken from surplus.

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**Woodstock
Greenwood**

**Baseball, Softball
T-Ball Sign-ups**

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
6:00 to 7:30

Thursday, March 31, 2011
6:00 to 7:30

Saturday, April 2, 2011
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Letters

SAVING OUR DEER HERD

To the Editor:

The recent article about saving Maine's Deer herd in the Sun Journal once again amounts to fluff.

For over twenty years the state has had agreements in place with landowners to protect deer wintering areas and outreach to manage them. In the end, most agreements allow the landowner to accomplish what they want to on their property. Even the Bureau that oversees the management of Maine's Public Land has eliminated deer wintering area in the past.

It is time for action. Maine's Whitetail Deer herd in western, eastern and northern Maine is at a critical point. Current conditions have allowed coyotes and domestic dogs to kill a deer whenever they desire. Yes, a domestic dog running at large for only a short time is killing a deer somewhere!

There are currently laws in place to allow the Department to be proactive about the protection of our deer herd.

Commissioner Woodcock should take the lead and direct Maine wardens to aggressively pursue domestic dog problems statewide and coyote control efforts in Deer Wintering areas. There is no time to plan, action is needed, the next four weeks are critical to the survival of the whitetail deer.

Rick Mills
Andover

RAISING FUNDS FOR KRISTIE

To the Editor:

I am the owner of We've Got The Look located on Walker's Mill Road, Route 26 in Bethel. Outside of my shop I have a bottle bin to collect returnables to benefit various fundraisers for area youth.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has and continues to support this effort over the years.

The funds raised have been used to purchase jerseys for the Western Maine Youth Hockey as well as help cover expenses for their tournaments, football shirts for the Greenwood Wolf Pack Football Team, camp and pine wood derby cars for West Paris Boy Scout Troop 133.

I wish that everyone could see how excited the kids are when they receive their new jerseys and how proud they are to wear them. They are thrilled to be able to go to camp which is a new experience for many of them.

I believe it is very important that we provide our children with positive activities to be involved in and to show them that their communities support them is invaluable.

None of this would be possible without the donations from everyone who takes the time to save the bottles and stop by and drop them off.

For the next six weeks I will be donating all of the funds raised to my friend Kristie.

She has and continues to battle Stage 4 Lyme Disease and is now battling Double Breast Cancer.

She currently is unable to work because of the toll the treatment is taking. The funds raised will help Kristie to be able to remain in her apartment, close to her doctors and treatment facilities.

Thank you for finding it in your heart to stop by and donate, you are greatly appreciated.

Holly Roberts
Bethel

HOPING TO STAY ON THE JOB

To the Editor:

I am a candidate for Woodstock School Director for SAD 44 at the Woodstock town meeting on Monday, March 28.

As a current Woodstock School Director I am committed to the SAD 44 mission of providing the best possible education to our students.

At the same time I am very mindful that our local taxpayers are paying an increasing share of the costs. I will continue to work as hard as possible to balance these two needs.

One of the most critical issues facing the district is the decreasing amount of state aid to education and the future possibility of closing the Andover and Woodstock elementary schools.

At a recent SAD 44 Board of Directors meeting I voted against closing Andover Elementary School and cutting \$120,000 from the Woodstock Elementary School budget.

I want to consider cuts to the Woodstock budget in the context of the full SAD 44 budget. The successful vote to cut the Woodstock budget resulted in tabling the vote to close Woodstock Elementary School. I would have voted against the article to close Woodstock Elementary School if it had remained on the agenda.

These two elementary schools have been historically very successful at providing our children with an excellent education. Keeping them open is one of the best investments we can make in our children's education and the economic future of our towns. The schools are critical to our basic community development. Our general population is clearly graying and without younger people and families these towns are not sustainable. Young families often choose to move to a particular town because of local successful elementary schools.

I hope to be re-elected so that I can continue working for the benefit of SAD 44, our students, and our taxpayers.

Marcel Polak
Woodstock

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SHARING OUR FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES

To the Editor:

The volunteers of the Woodstock and Greenwood Fire Departments are dedicated to serving our communities, maintaining safety standards, and responding immediately to all emergencies. We have, however, identified a serious problem that has been magnified by our poor economy, lack of local jobs, and volunteers having to work outside the area: We cannot provide well-trained, responsive fire fighters during the normal work week.

With this in mind, we (Woodstock and Greenwood) have developed an enhanced mutual aid agreement that will fill this critical void while providing you the support you have enjoyed in the past and deserve in the future. We have worked together with the fire fighters, boards of selectmen, and town managers to develop job descriptions, operational procedures, equipment sharing, scheduling, and financial considerations. All groups have shown total support for the plan; however, it is you, the taxpayer, who must make the ultimate decision as to whether we implement this concept.

Woodstock and Greenwood will share alternate day, daytime coverage between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with a two-person crew at our respective stations to be immediate responders for any call in either town. This will average 20 hours per week for the two-person crew from each town.

Woodstock will automatically respond to all Greenwood's calls and vice versa in order to put a crew on the scene as fast as possible. Other volunteers from the two towns will continue to respond as they have in the past.

In addition to improving our on-scene response, we will have the opportunity to complete the documentation, maintenance, service, testing, training, and inspections that are required by law. The requirements placed on us by the state, federal government, and special agencies and groups have gone well beyond what volunteers can do during our meetings and training sessions.

This concept will allow those on duty to fulfill many requirements while awaiting an emergency call. It will also allow us to work closer with the school, organizations, and you on fire prevention thereby making the community a safer place for everyone.

We have put a lot of time and energy into this concept and understand that this may be a hard time to bring this to a vote. We are finding that our volunteers are working further and further away from town and our daytime response times are increasing.

You deserve the best emergency services possible. This plan is a step in that direction. It is a program that will assist in the safety of the community while enabling the fire departments to meet their many requirements and the fire fighters to be better prepared for emergencies.

Geff Inman
Chief, Woodstock Fire Department

NOT THE TIME FOR GILEAD TO SPEND MORE MONEY

To the Editor:

To all voters in the Town of Gilead: There is a warrant article on the ballot for Saturday's town meeting that needs our urgent attention. Article 5 asks for authorization to borrow \$133,500 for the purchase of Cole's Custom Auto. Four subsequent articles ask for \$34,000 in improvements, acquisition costs, debt service and maintenance.

These articles have been foisted upon the Board of Selectmen and citizens through petition process, by a small but very vocal group who want to purchase this building for town use.

The intended use is to relocate all Highway Department vehicles and equipment to the new facility so the Fire Department can have the existing town garage for their sole use.

At a recent public hearing, members of the Fire Department expressed the sudden, critical need for more storage space. Prior to this meeting there has been no formal discussions with the Board of Selectmen regarding this need, only "water cooler chit chat," as in "wouldn't it be nice if ..."

Although I offered several alternative and less costly suggestions, they were rebuffed without explanation. In other words, purchasing this building is the only option.

We need to closely examine the numbers. These articles will add \$22,000 to our annual operating budget. At present, Gilead owes in excess of \$143,000 for road improvements, a fire truck and a town office. At the last selectmen's meeting I discussed a "debt snowball" plan whereby the town could be completely debt free in the second quarter of 2013.

Two other expense items that have not been brought to the public's attention are school funding and our road infrastructure.

We have been unofficially notified that our state education funding is going to be reduced by over \$100,000. Coupled with annual costs for another facility, this represents a 25 percent increase in our annual budget and a corresponding increase in our taxes.

Also our selectmen have been discussing our deteriorating road infrastructure which needs an action and funding plan. We may be looking at well over \$500,000. Do we borrow this money? Do we phase in this expense? Whatever plan the selectmen present will no doubt increase our budget and taxes.

For the record, I respect and admire the firefighters of Gilead. Their courage, dedication and self-sacrifice are exemplary. However, given our current debt situation, budget and future outlays, I feel it would be fiscally irresponsible to purchase any additional real estate and incur additional operating expenses at this time. I hope you will attend the town meeting on Saturday at 7 p.m. and respectfully say no to this request.

Mark S. Wigley
Gilead

Channel 11

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chise fees paid to local towns by Time-Warner Cable.

Bethel has traditionally contributed half its fee, and last year that money, \$5,858, made up well over half of the channel's \$9,558 budget.

Without Bethel's contribution, Town Manager Jim Doar told the two boards, "Channel 11 would most likely go away."

Greenwood and Woodstock contributed their entire fees (\$867 and \$1,633 respectively), and Newry \$1,000 of its \$7,000 fee.

Channel 11 programming includes school programs, graduations, tapes submitted by individuals, weekly readings of 'The Bethel Citizen', downloads of electronic media, as well as 20 live Telstar basketball games each season.

But Doyon questioned whether the station was "really viable."

"What does it do?" he asked. "How many people are watching it?"

Does anybody here watch it?"

Budget Committee member Steve Etheridge had a similar view.

"They're asking us for \$320 per basketball game to televise those basketball games to who knows who," Etheridge said.

It was also noted that people in Bethel who are not on the cable system cannot get Channel 11.

But Selectman Don Bennett saw the matter differently.

"We can sit here and try to quantify whether 12 people watch it, or 300 — whatever. But I know for a fact that there are many people who very much enjoy it, and having the paper, that they either can't read or can't read well or understand, read to them."

"And they certainly enjoy the graduation stuff that happens and the ball games that are on there as well."

"Money is money and I un-

derstand that well, but in the scheme of things [cutting the contribution] is not something that I can support."

The \$2,000 for fireworks that the Budget Committee is recommending against is for the display traditionally held on the first Saturday of July, not the larger Mollywood Day display later that month (which is corporate supported).

Doyon supported the early fireworks.

"Fireworks and apple pie — you can't take that away on the Fourth of July," he argued.

But Budget Committee member Jim Bennett said Bethel's fireworks that weekend pale in comparison to the \$10,000 shows in other nearby towns, "and very few people come to watch them here."

Bethel voters will have the final say on both matters, at their annual town meeting, June 15.

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment Ten

The First Year: Settling In

At breakfast B.B. announced that he was ready to do the haying. I could drive him to Middle Intervale and he would drive T.R.'s team back up over the mountain. The old county road on our end of the mountain was grown up but he felt sure that he could get through. We left at once in order to have time to stop at Capen Hill and load the red cupboard on the station wagon. A quick visit there, a quick visit at T.R.'s, I was eager to get back and to work. It had been years since I had driven on a dirt back-country road. This one was narrow, rutted, had deep ditches on each side to drain away the snow melt in the spring. There was no possible place to pass if another car was met. I discovered that I could not sit back and admire the trees and was relieved when I came to the open fields. There were still ditches but the tree branches no longer were reaching out to grab me. I landed safely in the yard, sat back a minute to breathe, then got out and undid all the ropes. B.B. had tied the cupboard on with his usual thoroughness; it would have ridden without a jar to the west coast and back. I had planned to unload it and get it into the kitchen by myself, but it was too heavy.

At last I would have time to look about the place by myself. I wandered through the front east barn door, saw where a place had been cleared to tie the horses, out the west door and found a lane with one old weathered half-tipped-over post with notches for bars. On each side of the lane were still some large field stones; outside was a lilac bush, tall maples, an ash tree, an old gnarled apple tree. What once must have been a cow pasture had now grown up to thick scraggly pines. We must find another old post, repair the stone walls, clear the brush away, prune the trees, plant some syringes, forsythias, and weigelas. Then there would always be a vista of bloom as you looked through the front barn door. I sniffed in deep breaths of fern-scented air, an essence produced as the day progresses from cool morning dew on the fronds to the heat of midday sun. It is a fragrance no perfumer has ever captured.

Our

Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Fire Department was one of eleven teams to race in the annual Firefighters' Race at Sunday River. Auburn F.D. took first place followed by Lewiston, Bethel and Newry.

The Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team had recently completed a one-week stay at Chimney Pond on Mt. Katahdin assisting park personnel and training.

The Bethel Area Poets Society held a poetry reading at Café DiCocca.

Births: Jaylee Brooke Jackson, Lilo Libby Bean, Ian Clark Jack, Bryce Leroy Koskel.

20 years ago: Students who participated in Crescent Park School's cross-country ski program enjoyed an end-of-the-season outdoor picnic and free skiing at Sunday River Inn.

The Bethel Farmers' Market held its annual start-up meeting at Telstar High School.

Births: Peter Timothy Mills, James Albert Kimball.

Deaths: Dorothy E. Graht, Lora M. Noyes.

30 years ago: The barn on the former Edmund Smith farm, off the Flat Road, in West Bethel, lost part of its roof during gale-force winds.

Birth: Kurt Alan Milligan.

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Trains

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current service in the Portland area will be maintained and enhanced, and that significant capital will be invested in trains, stations and existing rail lines.

The estimated capital investment for going all the way to Montreal is as high as \$899 million.

The consultants presented three scenarios for extending service: from Portland to Auburn; from Portland to Bethel; and from Portland to Montreal.

AECOM planners arrived at their conclusions after input from many sources, including area ski resorts and the casino planned for Oxford.

The study projects an annual ridership between Portland and Bethel, beginning in 2020, of between 66,700 and 171,100 people.

Ridership between Portland and Auburn is projected at 80,200 to 45,800.

"The ridership more than doubles if you extend to Bethel," said transportation planner Adam Streit.

Between Portland and Montreal, ridership is estimated at 201,300 to 204,400. The figures include the ridership to Auburn and Bethel.

Some of the variation in range projections is dependent on the frequency of the service.

The plan calls for three round trips a day between Portland and Bethel, each of which would also allow riders to continue on to Boston without changing trains.

A fourth "shuttle" round trip would run to Portland and return to Bethel. The time for the Portland-Bethel trip is estimated at one hour and 40 minutes.

As for annual operating costs, service from Portland to Auburn is estimated at between \$3.5 and \$9.3 million; from Portland to Bethel, \$7.8 to \$10.4 million.

While the service would generate some revenue, much of those costs would have to be made up from subsidies from other sources, the consultants said.

Beyond Bethel

If service were extended to Montreal, station stops would be planned for Berlin and North Stratford, N.H. Vermont residents could use the North Stratford station, which is located on the New

Hampshire-Vermont border. The estimated travel time from Portland to Montreal (283 miles) is seven hours and 20 minutes, with 90 minutes set aside for Customs. Two trips daily would be planned.

The consultants said they have talked with representatives of the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, as well as VIA, the rail agency in Canada. They said VIA is open to discussing the issue. But Vermont and New Hampshire are currently focused on other rail projects in their states, and appear at this time to be unlikely to lend financial support.

The project would seek both state and federal funding.

In an effort to build support for passenger rail service between Portland and Montreal, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a "rail rally" in September, Executive Director Robin Zinchuk said.

The chamber, she said, "is prepared to take the lead in gathering up stakeholders." She noted New Hampshire's focus on rail in the southern part of that state. "They're missing from the table [in the north] and we need to get them back," she said.

There were several New Hampshire residents at last week's meeting. Don Provencher said he represented the Board of Selectmen in Gorham, and that there were two people present from Berlin.

"There are a number of us interested in what's going on," said Provencher.

Bus service

The AECOM consultants also presented a scenario for providing interim, midday bus service between Portland and Bethel, before rail service might come online.

Assuming bus service was established first between Portland and Auburn, service to Bethel could be added by providing, in addition to revenue generated, approximately \$100,000 to help support operating costs.

The estimated time of the trip would be 1 hour and 50 minutes.

A final report on the study is expected within a month. A copy of last week's Power Point presentation, with additional cost figures, can be seen at www.atrcmpo.org.

Dumont

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But, he said, "I liked gymnastics, but it became too regimented."

"I like the freedom to express myself and saw freeskiing as a great opportunity to combine the fun of gymnastics with the freedom to do it how I wanted to do it."

Doing it his way — going bigger on amplitude than other competitors — has resulted in several serious crashes and injuries over the years.

But he's taken it in stride. "I've had a few big crashes, but with each one I take the precautions to rehab," he said.

In the off-season it's important to continue to train in the gym and off the snow. By doing this you reduce the amount of time you will be hurting on a big fall."

As he continues to compete, Dumont has set one long-term goal for himself:

"Get our sport in the Olympics and compete in 2014," he said.

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The **Annual Town Reports** will be available at the Town Office on Monday March 21st. The reports will be hand delivered in town beginning on Tuesday the 22nd.

Just a reminder that **Dog Licenses are now overdue**. There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 per dog after January 31, 2011, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2011 there will be a charge of \$25.00.

Notice to Veterans

Veterans or Widows of Veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement; where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the Assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

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Assessor's Notice

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-A, Section 34 R.S. 1954 Amend, all resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors, on or before April 1, 2011, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, real or personal, of which they are possessed on the April 1st 2011, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make application to the assessors or the Assessment Board of Review for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the Assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.



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4**OCSD Patrol Log:****Tuesday, March 15**

At 6:03 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown and Deputy Matt Noyes responded to the West Bethel Road in Bethel for a suspicious-looking male going door-to-door and asking questions. The subject was located and deputies confirmed everything was legitimate.

At 12:36 p.m. Deputy Mike Parshall received a late report of a hit-and-run accident at Eden Ridge Condos in Bethel.

Wednesday, March 16

At 2:17 a.m. Deputy Matt Baker responded to Route 2 in Hanover for a vehicle off the road.

At 6:26 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to the North Road in Bethel for a car-deer accident.

At 8:14 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby and Deputies Josh Wyman and Mike Parshall responded to Spring Street in Bethel for a report of a subject lying in the road. The subject was found to be intoxicated and was taken to the hospital by Rescue.

At 10:44 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Angevine Park in Bethel for a report that a deer was trapped inside the park.

At 11:08 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a request to locate a person.

At 7:29 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder was approached in a store in Bethel about the theft of two pairs of skis in Newry.

At 11:15 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to a Greenwood residence to assist on a Rescue call.

Thursday, March 17

At 12:14 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Route 2 in Bethel for a report of two males and a female standing around.

At 2 a.m. on Mechanic Street in Bethel Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Joshua A. Bennett, 21, of Rangeley Place for OUI.

At 4:55 a.m. on Route 26 in Newry Cpl. Chancey Libby wrote traffic tickets for the operation of an overloaded vehicle on a posted roadway.

At 7:50 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Mike Parshall received a report of trucks operating on a posted road on Grover Hill Road in Bethel. The trucks were traveling to a work site empty, but they were advised they can only haul out if it is below freezing.

At 11:20 a.m. a caller on Mayville Road in Bethel reported someone tried to copy down credit card information while he was making a purchase in a business.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



This is the first full weekend of spring, and the forecast calls for great conditions for spring skiing and snowshoeing. Sunday River has a full line-up of outdoor activities scheduled for the weekend. The 3rd Annual Dumont Cup takes place March 24-26. Bethel native Simon Dumont is designing the course, on which top free-skiers will compete. The 26th Annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon is March 26. Participants will raise money to support the free programs that benefit adaptive skiers and riders. On March 27 the 21st Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cook-off and Firefighters Race will also raise money for Maine handicapped Skiing. All the events are open to the public.

Sunday, March 27, is also SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River. "Show ID and ski for free." Don't forget that the Sunday River Outdoor Center also participates in SAD 44 Free Ski Day. The center has 35 kilometers of cross-country and snowshoe trails, including trails that go to the Artist's Bridge and up Barker Mountain with magnificent views of the Sunday River Valley.

Maine Maple Sunday is March 27. This traditional event, when many maple sugar producers are open to the public, is always the fourth Sunday in March. Most sugar houses feature demonstrations of boiling down sap and free samples of syrup or



WHITNEY RECEIVES AWARD FOR HEROISM—Last week, Bethel firefighter Andy Whitney (far right) received the American Red Cross Public Safety Real Heroes Award at a ceremony in Lewiston. He was honored for his rescue last June of Millie Jackson from Round Pond. Jackson's car had gone off Route 26 into the pond. Whitney, who happened to be driving by, swam out and pulled her to safety through the car window. He is shown here with other Red Cross hero award recipients.

(Submitted photo)

candy. Some farms offer food, tours of the farm, or visits with the animals. Two local farms participating are McAllister Farms Sugar House (phone 890-0318) and Thunder Hill Farm (phone 583-4146), both located in Waterford. McAllister Farms Sugar House will be open both Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, breakfast will be served at the North Waterford Church. Thunder Hill Farm is a steer farm, and will have demonstrations of working steer team and collecting sap. Weather permitting, visitors can view highland beef cattle. If you haven't gone to a Maple Sugar Sunday event, it is a great way to learn about one of our local food products.

Pick one or more farms and visit them. Wear boots. It's usually muddy. Be prepared to eat and buy syrup to take home. For more information on activities across the state, visit the Maine Maple Producers website at www.mainemapleproducers.com. Our condolences and prayers

are with the family and friends of Eric Gunther who died last week in Tennessee. A memorial service for Eric will be held on Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH



April Fool came early this year, in the form of a bunch of snow on Monday. Schools were closed at noon in anticipation of several inches. Just goes to show you, don't plant your spring crops in Maine until March is over. Sometimes it's the snowiest month of winter.

Bethel Rotary held one of its famous breakfasts Sunday morning at Gould's dining hall. We sat at a table with

Jane Hosterman and Barbara Mahler and got caught up on each other's lives. We arrived shortly after 7:30 to enjoy our meal, and afterward we headed to Black Mountain to see the last of three days of Nordic ski racing for the Eastern States High School Championship.

As I explained last week, the teams comprised 24 girls and 24 boys from each of five states — New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York. These were all terrific skiers, making the races really exciting to watch. Maine's team came in third overall for the weekend, with Vermont first, Massachusetts second, New Hampshire fourth, and New York fifth.

There was one 5 km skate race on Friday; a 1.2 km free-style sprint on Saturday morning; a sit-ski lap of .8 km skied by Christina Kourous, granddaughter of former West Bethel resident June Abbott (Christina finished in 2:52.8, cheered on by crowds of fellow skiers); and a 4x4 mixed

relay on Saturday afternoon (two laps of classic, two laps of skate, a boy and a girl doing one each of classic, another boy and girl doing one each of skate). Maine had one of its four-person teams come in third among fifty teams.

Sunday's race was a 7.5 km classic race, and overnight freezing temperatures firmed up the snow enough to make for a decent course. Among the girls the first place winner was Corey Stock of Lincoln, Mass., 26 seconds ahead of number two. In eighth place was Bethel's own Alice Hottopp, and Molly Siegel came in fourteenth in a field of 98 skiers.

Maine boys had two finishers in the top fifteen with Tom Rabin of Leavitt in second place, .07 second behind Eli Hoenig of Sudbury, Mass.; and Silas Eastman of Fryeburg in fourth place, 17.4 seconds behind the winner. Now that's a close race! There were over 100 boys racing, including Adam Maher of Telstar and Jeb Clarke of Gould.

As a proud grandma, I have to tell you that Molly Siegel came in eighth among 101 women skiers and first among Maine female skiers for the entire weekend racing program. All of Maine's skiers, male and female, skied hard and well and are to be congratulated for representing their state proudly. Kudos go also to the Chisholm Ski Club which always does a superior job of organizing the races and preparing the race course.

This is Grange week, and Pleasant Valley Grange will be meeting tonight at Ina Grover's home for potluck dinner, followed by a business meeting. John Appin says he hopes that April's meeting can be held at the Grange Hall once again. Cold weather and astronomical heating costs have made it impossible to meet there during the winter months. The way it looks as I write this, one wonders if spring will ever get here. But you know, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

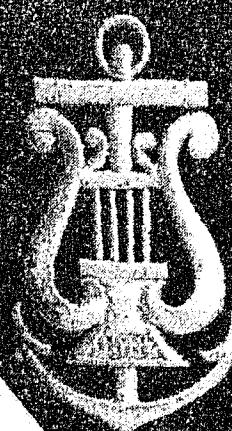
Also on the calendar for this evening, March 24, is a treat for music lovers. Two of the Music Without Borders students, Robert Poortinga and Vesko Ninov, will be in Bethel to present a Steinway Series recital. It will be held in the McLaughlin Science Building Auditorium at Gould Academy at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited, and there is no admission charge!

We have been seeing huge flocks of redpolls at the feeders and on the ground. On Monday flocks of juncos appeared as well. On our morning walks Jake and I have heard the woodpeckers pecking, the titmice calling "Peter, Peter," and the chickadees singing their "fee-bee" spring song. Maybe these birds know something we don't. Let's hope they're right.

I'm starting to look for signs of spring bulbs appearing. What have you seen to show that spring is on the

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East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Well, so much for the first day of spring. Hopefully we will see more bright sunshine again by the time you read this.

My kids all arrived safe and well at their destination in Wyoming Saturday evening. I miss them all very much and especially miss hearing, "Oma, did you bring me a cookie?"

I am sure that Chuck and Angela Haines want everybody to know that Allen is safe. As you may recall he is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and we have all been horrified by the tragedy unfolding there. Many thoughts and prayers to Allen, our soldiers, and the citizens of Japan.

On a lighter note, Tammy Hinckley celebrated her birthday on March 22. Happy Birthday and we all hope you had a nice day.

I want to thank John and Eva Coolidge for my belated birthday dinner and cake.

The Alder River Grange will meet on March 25 at Stan Howe's on Broad Street. As usual there will be a pot-luck at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

This week it's time for the new Trivia question again. "What can you tell me about the 1872 Town meeting?" Please, remember to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@

megalink.net with your answers, news, suggestions, or questions. Thank you.

Happy spring!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Just when you think that Spring has arrived, the weatherman announces that Monday

will bring anywhere from 3 to 6 inches of snow. Of course,

since it is still March, we kind of expect something like this. Sunday was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the snow was melting. The Robin was back hopping around on the part of the lawn where the snow has melted. He seemed happy to see some bare ground even though the grass is not green yet.

My brother, Steve McLain, spent most of Saturday in town helping compile the Annual Report for the Town of Gilead.

Steve and Lise McLain went to the Rotary Breakfast last Sunday with Brad McLain, Carole Mason, Ryan Seames and Emily Philbrick.

Our granddaughter spent last Saturday evening and Sunday with us. We had a director's meeting for the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association on Sunday afternoon. Sidney went with us and spent the afternoon visiting with Kevin Briggs, since the meeting was at his father's house in Bryant Pond.

Town Office
The "crew" gathered last Friday and Saturday at the Town Office to volunteer to help with finishing off the

town report. Alicia McLean, Jeremy Morin and Lin Chapman worked on Friday, and then on Saturday, Jeremy Morin and Lin Chapman were joined by Hugh Chapman and Steve McLain. The photocopies were laid out on the big table in the meeting room. Jeremy, Lin and Hugh put the books together and Steve was in charge of stapling them. Jeremy and Steve spent Saturday afternoon delivering as many of the reports as they could. This was a good example of teamwork and working together to get a boring job done.

This is the last reminder that Town Meeting is coming right up this Saturday, March 26. Please arrive early. Your vote does matter! Ask questions and find out why you, as a voter, are being asked to borrow or raise money for the items on the warrant. Do not rely on hearsay. Sometimes bad decisions are made when a voter does not have all the right information they should have when making decisions on how their tax money is spent.

Anyone needing to register to vote will need to bring proof of residency with them. Proof of residency can be a current document that shows the name and address of the

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According to the Maine Municipal Association, the residence of a person is "that place where the person has established a fixed and principal home to which the person, whenever temporarily absent, intends to return."

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Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Hello once again, happy spring! It is spring, right? We've set our clocks ahead and celebrated St. Patty's Day, but wait - where's the bare ground? Rest assured, it is coming. We cannot remain locked in the throws of win-

ter forever. I will miss sliding and snowshoeing, but I am anxiously awaiting grass and bare feet!

This week has been quiet and dull, at least for us up here in this end of the valley. I tried making a few phone calls and even sent out an email, probing for something exciting to write about. Alas, nada, zero, zip, zilch, so please be content to hear about, well, this -

Spring is a reawakening, a time of new life and fresh starts and it is time for life here on the farm to flourish as well. Espri is due to kid April 20. For those of you who aren't acquainted with her, she is my Saanen doe. Last July she was the proud mother of two lovely doelings, who are now bouncy, fence-jumping, bratty goats. I start getting excited and nervous about three weeks before the big day, readying myself for the impending delivery and the responsibilities that accompany it.

On hand I need to have my baby goat tote full of clean rags, iodine, embroidery floss and a few other essentials, nipples and bottles, a clean milking pail and limber fin-

gers. I stopped milking back in November when she was bred so I am bound to be a bit out of sorts. Luckily for me Espri is a patient and affectionate goat. Twice a day she hops up on to the milking stand where she happily enjoys her grain while I milk. I actually enjoy our quiet time out in the barn.

My mind numbly wanders as my senses take in the surrounding offers of Essie chewing, a hen nearby twittering to her chicks, a warm breeze wafting through the open door and the additional company of an occasional dog or cat. Soon enough I will be making cheese again and I venture to try making soap for the first time real soon. I truly love living a farmer's life.

I did notice this week that the snowmobilers have been trailering their machines further up the road this week. Trail reports mentioned that the trails between the Corner and Grafton as spotty but I'll up through the Notch is still covered in snow - for now. This new blanket of snow should extend riding for a bit longer so all the diehards can hopefully get one last ride

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in before they begrudgingly retire their sleds until next year.

Maple syrup is still flowing, not every day but with persistence; anyone collecting for home use, should end the season satisfied. I have been having withdrawals, really wanting to have a hand in sap collecting and syrup making but our taps are hiding. Probably for the best as I seem to have enough to do around here as it is - we will just have to enjoy syrup a bit more sparingly this year. What else tastes good on pancakes?

Have a fantastic week!

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library of officials had a meeting on March 15 in the library.

Eight officers attended the meeting that was chaired by President Donna Worcester. Two others were present. Plans are being made for summer projects. As reported by Darlene Baker the Library Bees are making a quilt with an old-fashioned theme to be raffled during the summer. They are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a storage building to be installed next to the library. The voting members authorized Librarian Peggy Susbury to purchase a tent shelter to use over the picnic table for summer children's projects. New books have been purchased and Peggy continues categorizing children's books.

The annual drying-out season seems to be upon us with mud a prominent feature in many driveways and woods roads. Several feet of snow remain in the woods but grass spots have begun to appear along roadsides and in fields with a southwest exposure. Animals between seasons are appearing here and there. Some have seen weasels, foxes, martens and skunks. It is the smell of skunks the folks notice mostly. Deer, moose and coyotes are often visitors

to the area. We have not heard any bear stories yet but they should show up soon.

We heard recently that Joyce Perkins, 63, died at her home on Brewer Lake. Joyce and her husband, Coach Jerry Perkins, lived many years in the Staples house on the Howard Pond Road until their retirement.

The Knights of Pythias John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament was last Sunday at Augusta. The top team came from Boothbay with Andover's Cabot 1 taking second place. Andover's Cabot 2, also known as Roger's Team, finished in fourth place. Congratulations to bowlers from Cabot Lodge 117. The team from Hiawassee Lodge 18 in East Stoneham also placed well. A pizza and salad banquet was served and followed with award presentations. The tournament next year will likely be in Brewer.

Get well wishes to Sara Worcester who recently had day surgery at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She continues recovery at home.

Get well wishes to Vicki Clark who is hospitalized at Rumford Hospital.

Stay safe, don't get stuck and good gosh, do not go onto the ice! It ain't safe.

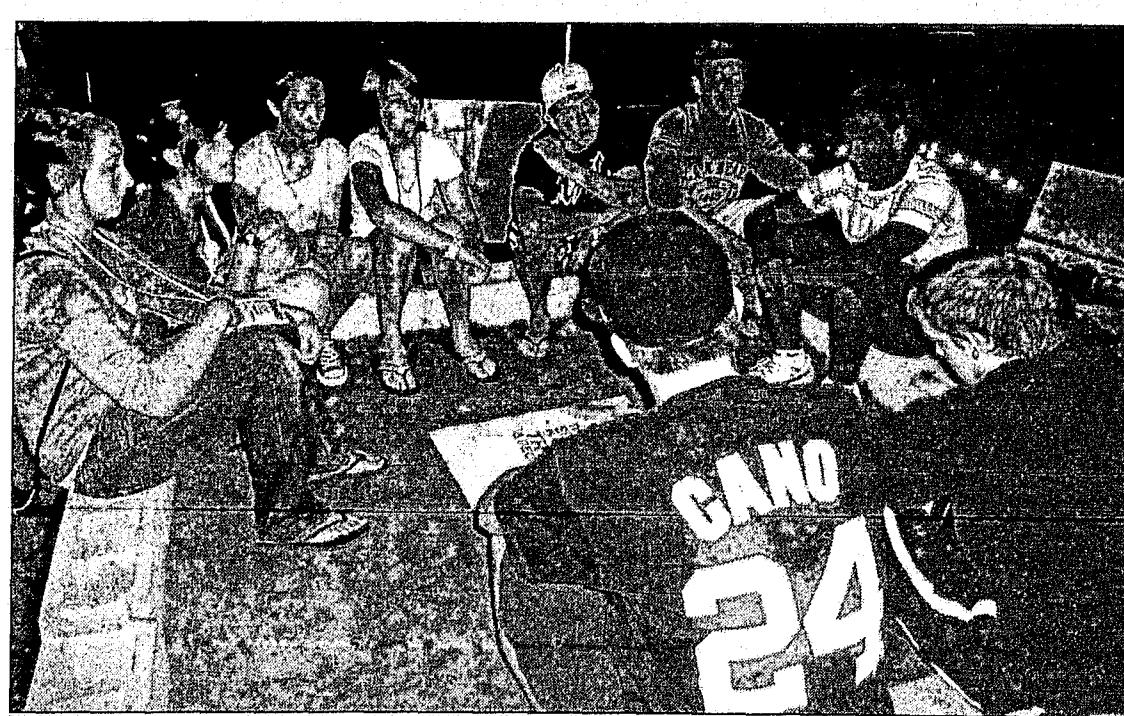
Greenwood City

By WAYNE HAKALA

The Legion meeting to honor the WWII Veterans was great. The meal was very good and Anita and her crew needs a big thanks.

Sally's cake was a work of art and delicious. We had ninety-four in attendance. It truly was a evening to remember.

The meeting was attended by ten WWII veterans. Uncle Ivan Morey, Ellsworth "Willie" Hathaway, Gilman Whitman, Peter Rosenberg, Kenneth McInnis, Floyd Keniston, Bob Keniston, Ernest Angevine, Avery Angevine and Frank Gibson. Dept. Commander Daniel Ayotte, Dept. Adjutant Lloyd Woods, Past Dept. Commander Gene Bickford, Fifth



PROJECT PUSHING BACK THE DARKNESS—This Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 5-7 p.m. the Middle and High School Teen Groups at the Bethel Alliance Church will host tours, free to the public, about some of the darker corners of the world. Seven displays will include facts and statistics about issues that include: inadequate access to clean, fresh water; inadequate housing; unequal distribution of food; lack of basic education; child prostitution; false imagery and the violent abuse of women in pornography; and a footprint of a "house" for six to eight people with no windows, furniture, power, or water, and just a dirt floor (above). The group is collecting donations to support relief agencies currently engaged against these issues. World Vision, CAMA (Compassion and Mercy Associates), The Root Cellar of Lewiston, and Florence House of Portland will all receive portions of any money that is raised. The name of the effort is "Project Pushing Back The Darkness" and it has a Facebook page under that title. The tours are the kick-off event toward a fundraising goal of \$15,000, through one-time donations of one dollar. For more information call Jim Rose, Teen Pastor, at 207-890-9196 or the Bethel Alliance Church at 824-4676.

District Commander Marcel Martineau, and Fifth District Second Vice Commander Joe Cooney were also in attendance. Many family members were in attendance with their WWII Veterans.

Uncle Ivan gave an amusing memory of when he was in the South Pacific. Gil Whitman told of how he spent his entire time in the South Pacific in the Stockade. Gil was guarding the Japanese POWs.

Ernest Angevine told of how he saw his brother walking thru this really long hallway in Europe.

And then Floyd Keniston, a Pearl Harbor Survivor told of the day, Dec. 7, 1941, that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. All of us were in awe of the situations Floyd was in and he and shipmates helped out the wounded. I do know there were several tears shed before the evening ended.

Commander Ayotte and Adjutant Woods gave short remarks on the Greatest Genera-

tion and what they had accomplished.

We all owe the Greatest Generation many thanks because we can sit here and write and speak what we think.

We can sit and talk to God without fear of prosecution. It is a crying shame that at this time our own government is trying to undermine our freedoms that this great generation fought to protect.

April 12, the second Tuesday of April, is the start of the Auxiliary Supper Dances. I do know that the Richard Felt Band will be playing for the first dance of the season.

Anita hasn't released what the meal will be or maybe I don't have the need to know. The doors will open at four and the dancing will go till about 9:30 p.m. So plan on coming out and enjoy. Price is the same as last year and a bargain to boot.

It is a sure sign or spring as the boys are out on their bikes. Bobby and Joe visited me while I was boiling sap. They were pleased to tell me

that their grades are up too. I sure told them I was happy with them. And then had Anita get them a jar of Maple Syrup. I'm sure it will get used up in a hurry.

I see that the Inch By Inch Farm is making syrup too. At least I would think so. Maybe Rodney is setting up a dance hall by the barn instead. But then again there is a funnel hanging out the back wall. But I will guarantee one thing, Ray and I are turning out the best Premium syrup!

This morning as I went up to the Post, I followed a deer up Tracy's Flat. It was by the bridge and just turned and slowly moved up the road. Then it stopped and turned to look at me. I stopped and it started walking again. After a bit it did the same thing and I stopped again.

It decided it had enough of looking at my mug and walked up to the log landing and off thru the woods. Sure was a treat for a nice Sunday morning.

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



It's Monday morning. It's overcast, the wind is howling, and the forecast for this afternoon/evening is 6 to 8 inches of snow. "Sugar Snow" ... it's not surprising to most Mainers, but still not fun to drive in, either!

Noah Finnegan Bergeron, born on March 18, is our first grandson, and our second grandchild. His parents are Joe and Amy Bergeron, of Farmington. We are all very excited and happy to welcome him into the world. Thanks for all the messages you've sent.

According to local information and the activity we've seen there in recent days, Ray and Vi Bernier's home on Back Street has been sold.

Have you read Louise Dickinson Rich's rendition of a town meeting in Upton in chapter X of her book "We Took To The Woods"? It's entertaining, at the very least. Having known some of the characters she mentioned, I think it could be a factual accounting, albeit the procedures she describes are a far cry from town meetings as we know them nowadays. This year's town meeting will be March 31 at the schoolhouse and will begin at 7 p.m.

The Ladies Aid Association is still offering breakfasts every Sunday morning from 8 until 11.

Have a wonderful week, Se-

Andover

By JANE RICH



Town meeting was well attended, although it lasted seven hours, and the lunch put on by the Andover Service Circle was a tasty, welcome break for all those brave enough to stay the entire day. For particulars of the meeting see Alison's story elsewhere in this edition.

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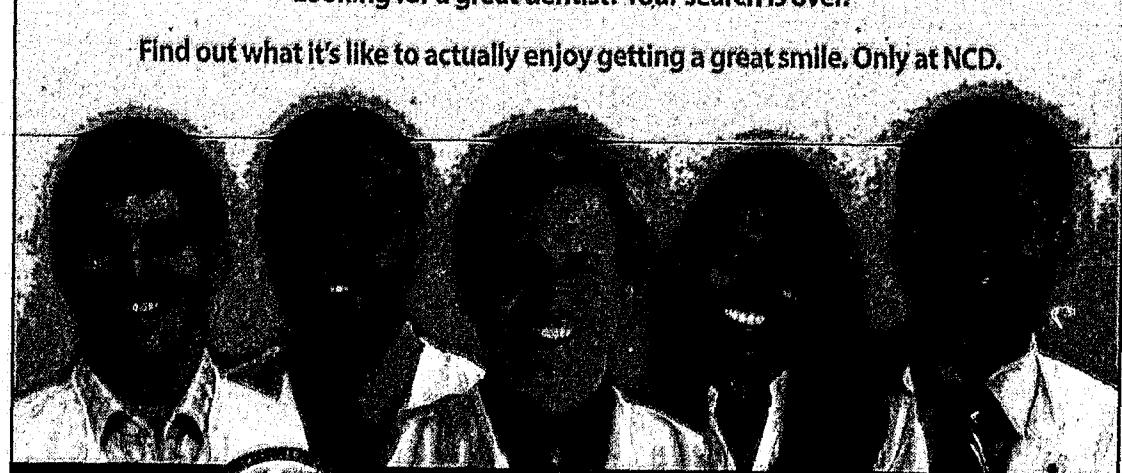


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West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



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Two robins were in the yard this week, the first I have seen. Muffin does not pay attention to them. She must know that she can not get them or maybe the feathers do not look appealing to her!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is the first day of spring and it is snowing! Of course it won't last and they say spring snow is a poor man's

fertilizer, so bring it on. Still two snow storms in one week at the end of March is a little much.

David and I were fortunate this past weekend to attend fundraising events. On Saturday night we went to Bridgton Lodge to attend a fundraising turkey supper that the Masons put on. It was quite delicious and perfect change for me from being home all the time. Then Sunday morning we went to the Rotary break-

fast in Bethel at Gould Academy. That was delightful because we got to visit with many people I rarely see these days. It was a really great weekend.

A belated happy birthday to grandson Justin Burkett. He was 17 last week. Also Happy Birthday to grandson David J. Hart III. He is 13 this Tuesday. Happy Birthday to both. Also Happy Birthday to Forrest Tinsley.

April 1, in addition to April Fool's Day is the Magpie Benefit/Supper/Auction at Fare Share Commons, 445 Main Street, Norway. It is from 6 to 8 p.m. All are invited and it is a sliding scale. There will be food, music, and a silent auction of unique and exquisite things. FMI call 743-9044.

Don't forget that the Waterford Library is closed this week and reopens on Saturday, April 2. For those interested in the ACA meeting on Thursday, March 24, and Thursday, March 31, it will be at the Waterford Town Office. FMI please call 739-9115.

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WWII VETERANS HONORED—The Jackson-Silver Post 68, Locke Mills, held a ceremonial supper and special recognition night, honoring local WWII veterans. State Commander Daniel Ayotte Sr. and State Adjutant Lloyd Woods gave inspirational speeches in support of this special group of veterans. Commander Wayne Hakala honored each veteran with a presentation of a framed certificate recognizing them as the "greatest generation." A large crowd of Post veterans, wives, sons, daughters and grandchildren gave a long, standing ovation at the end of the ceremony. Front: A. Angevine, P. Rosenberg, E. Hathaway, F. Keniston. Back: G. Whitman, B. Keniston, F. Gibson, E. Angevine, I. Morey, K. McInnis;

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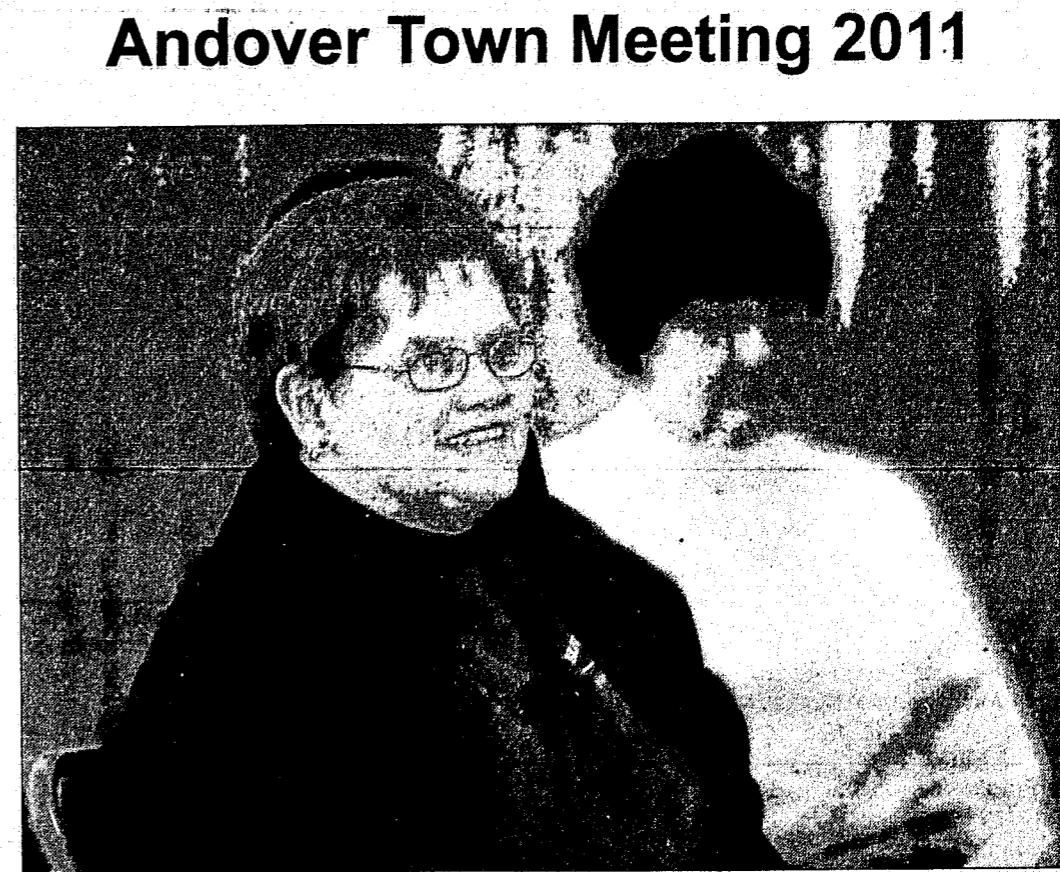
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About 65 Andover voters took part in Saturday's seven-hour town meeting. Above: Rick Mills, with town report and voting card in hand, states his opinion. Right: Nadine Ross laughs at a quip by moderator Kevin Scott.



Left: Bruce Simmons raises his card to vote. Above: Town Clerk Melinda Averill (at left) counts votes. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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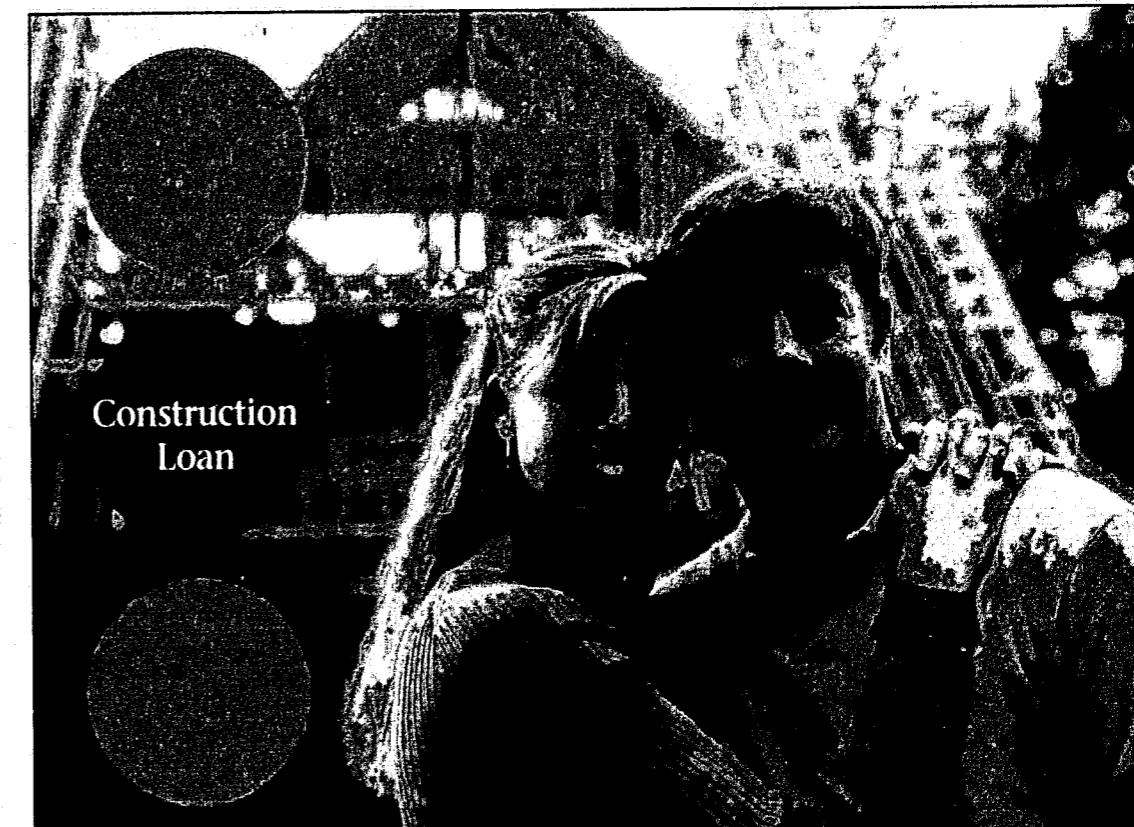


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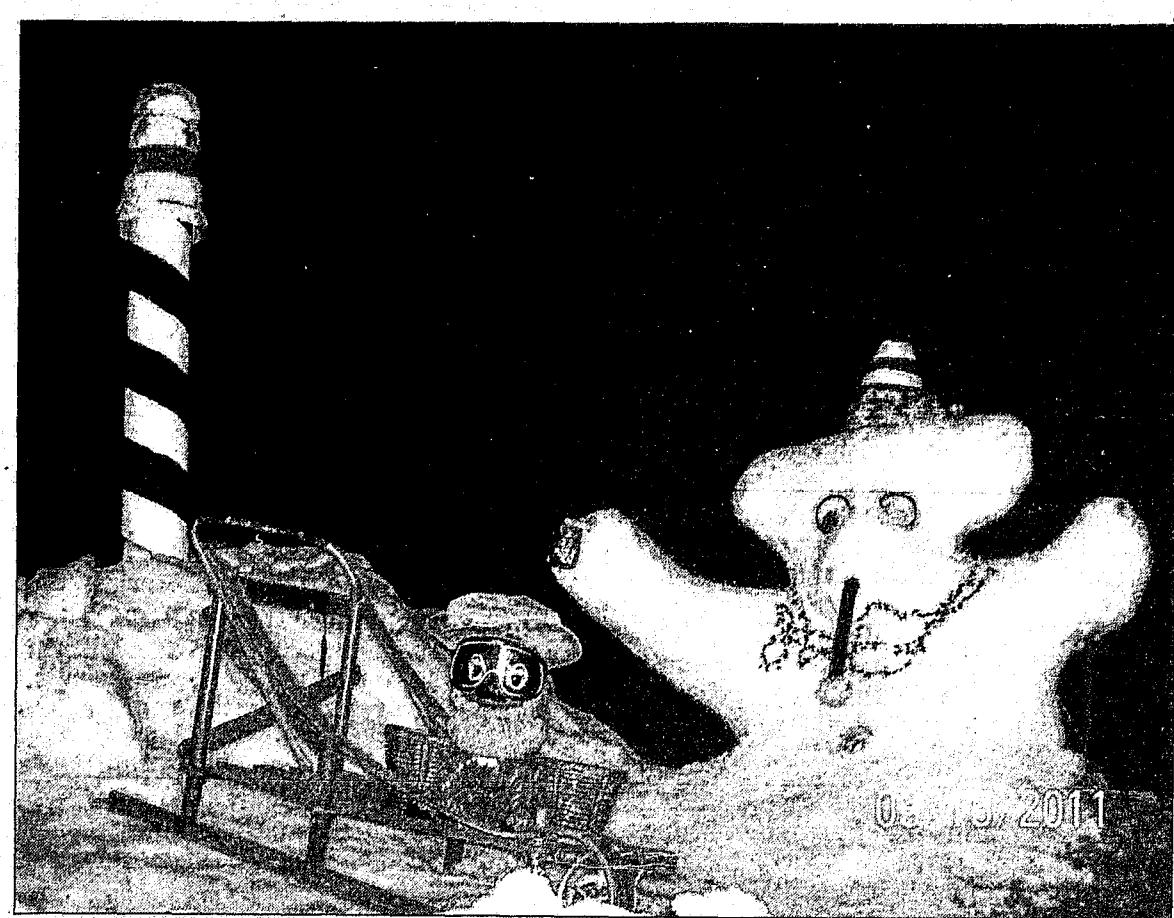
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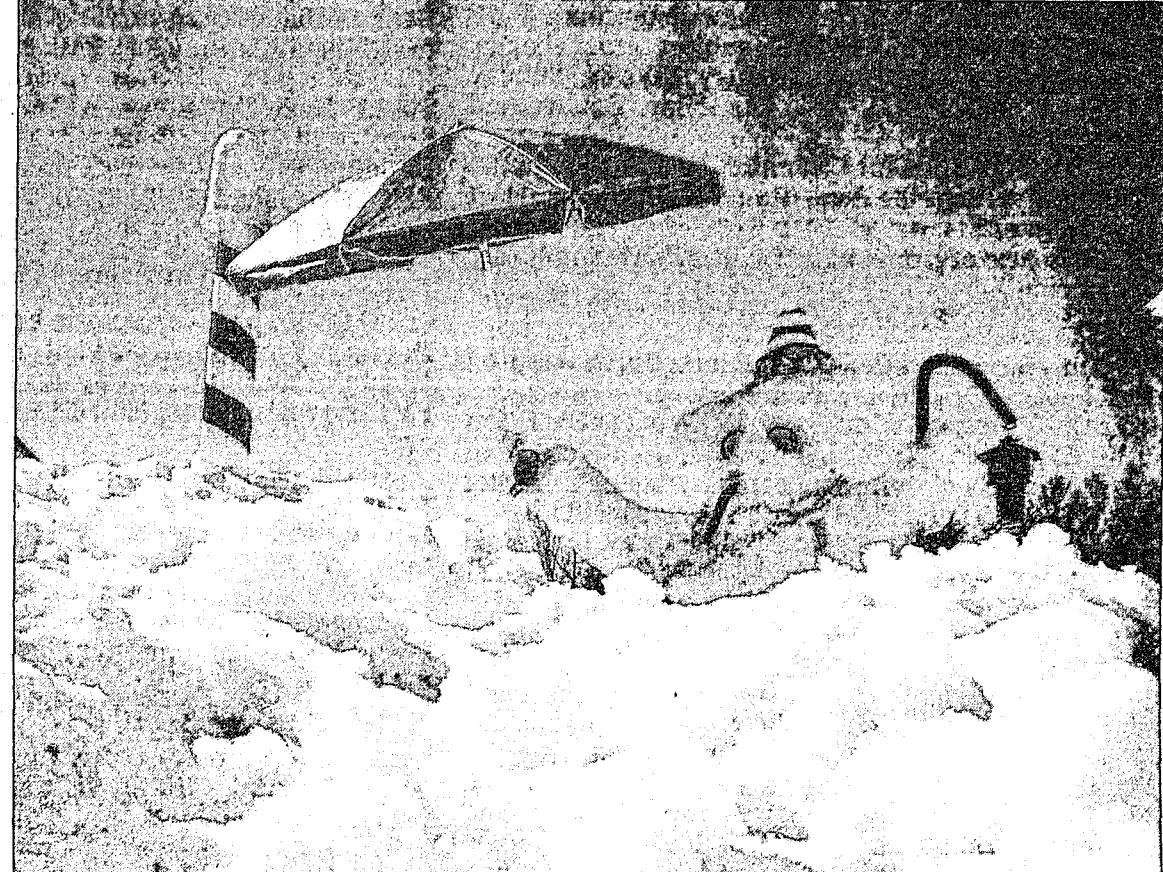
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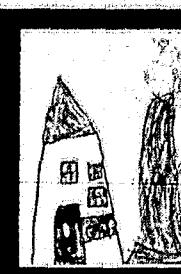
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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.
Thru April 2

Waterford Memorial Library closed for renovations. Do not return books the two weeks library closed. FMI: 583-2050.

Thursday, March 24

4:30 to 6 p.m. - "Teaching in Costa Rica" by Bethel native Sarah Rackiffe at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium, sponsored by Down Home Maine series of Western Mountains Senior College. FMI: Bonnie Pooley 381-7944 or Google Western Mountains Senior College.

7:30 p.m. - **Music Without Borders** students Robert Poortinga and Vesko Nenov present Steinway Series recital at McLaughlin Science Building Auditorium, Gould Academy. Public invited. No admission charge.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents Shoe Box Tour 2011 with gold medal jugglers. Tickets: \$11 all ages - suitable for all ages. FMI: 336-3306 or e-mail mike@oddfellow.com

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25, 26
Third annual Dumont Cup at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$20,000 in cash/prizes. Amateurs ski with pros. Qualifiers: Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and determine the top qualifiers sent to semi-finals Saturday. Registration: \$100 includes lift ticket (www.dumontcup.com). FMI: www.sundayriver.com. Event subject to change. Sponsored by Red Bull, Target, Oakley, Nike 6.0, Sunday River, Salomon, Toyota, Giro, PowerBar, Empire and Kicker.

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Narnia"** at The Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114), Standish, just north of Routes 114 and 35. FMI: 642-3743 or education@schoolhousearts.org, or e-mail Micheal Hjort at mhjort@maine.rr.com

Friday, March 25

1 to 6 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Mason Oxford Lodge 16, 9 Temple Street, Norway.

5 to 7 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner** at Oxford Advent Christian Church, Main Street, Oxford. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 for 12 and under, \$15 family of four. Sponsored by Melby's Market and Eatery. Benefits Relay for Life of Oxford Hills.

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** hosted by Vessel Recordings artist Heather Pierson at First Universalist Church, 470 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. \$3 at door. Refreshments available. FMI: (603) 733-6350 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com

7 p.m. - **Cafe Chocolate** at Norway Memorial Library. Free. FMI: 743-5300 ext 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us. All Day - **Maine Garden Day**, sponsored by University of Maine Cooperative Extension at Lewiston High School, 156 East Avenue, Lewiston. 35 gardening workshops and trade show with plants, seeds and tools to purchase. Dealing limited (first come-first served). FMI and register: (800) 287-1482 or (207) 743-6329 (out of state). Cost: \$5 includes breakfast, lunch and all workshops.

Saturday, March 26

All day - **26th Annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-A-Thon** at Sunday River.

8 a.m. - **Maple Syrup Breakfast** at North Waterford Congregational Church, Proceeds benefit the church.

9 to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** at American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. 50/50 tickets. Lunch counter open.

2 p.m. - "Maine's Margaret Chase Smith: Image and Icon" presented by Dr. Stanley R. Howe, Bethel Historical Society associate director and director of education and research, at the Dr. Moses Mason House exhibit hall (14 Broad Street). FMI: 824-2908, e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

5 p.m. - **Maine Baked Bean Cook-Off** at Lovell United Church of Christ, to benefit Ronald Ashworth Memorial Pilgrim Lodge Campership Fund. Everyone welcome. Enter favorite bean casserole \$10. Come and taste - donations at door. Trophies for winners.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 adults. Lunch counter open.

7:30 p.m. - **Fryeburg Academy** presents Phil Keaggy and Randy Stonehill in concert at the academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. FMI: 935-9232.

8 p.m. - **Mud Season Fling Charitable Concert** at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Mahoosuc Arts will be beneficiary. Special guest: Phil Poirier. Admission: \$10. Silent Auction table.

Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27

1 to 4 p.m. - **Auditions for "Truly Talented Kids Variety Show."** Singers, dancers, musicians, actors ages 19 and younger. FMI: 642-3743 or e-mail education@schoolhousearts.org or e-mail mhjort@maine.rr.com.

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

Saturdays, March 26 and April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Sunday, March 27

Maple Syrup Sunday throughout Maine. SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

10 a.m. - **21st annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race** at White Cap Base Lodge, Sunday River Ski Resort. Proceeds benefit Maine Handicapped Skiing.

Tuesday, March 29

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - "Bethel's Next Big Winter Project" brainstorming session at Funky Red Barn. Light refreshments. All invited.

7 p.m. - **Navy Sea Chanters, Navy Band Chorus** at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Presentation by Mahoosuc Arts Council. Tickets: free. Free to Gould Academy faculty, staff and students. FMI: 824-3575.

Wednesday, March 30

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

5:30 to 7 p.m. - "Colon Cancer Screening" Which Test is Best? by Robert Kahn, M.C., of Western Maine Surgery at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building. Dinner provided. Free. Registration required. FMI or register: (866) 609-5183 or visit Western Maine Health at www.wmhcc.org

Thursday, March 31

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - **Tools for Easier Living: Assistive Devices for the Home** at Board Room, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Free. Registration required. FMI and registration: (866) 609 5183 or visit www.wmhcc.org.

6:30 p.m. - **Beyond the Snapshot: Using Photography to Tell a Story** by Scott Vlaun at Norway Memorial Library. Free and open to public. FMI: 743-5309 Ext. 1 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

6:30 p.m. - **Bethel District Exchange** meeting rescheduled to meet at Telstar High School Library - formerly March 10 and later March 24. FMI: Cathy Newell 875-2116.

March 31, April 6, 13 and 20

12 noon to 1 p.m. - **Lenten Luncheons** at West Parish Congregational Church hall, Bethel. Area churches provide a light luncheon for this ecumenical program. Free admission. All welcome.

Friday, April 1

6 to 8 p.m. - **Maggie Benefit/Supper/Auction** at Fare Share Commons, 445 Main Street, Norway. All invited (sliding scale). Food, music, silent auction.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge 2010-11** presents "Endurance Riding" with Kathy Brunjes and Tom Hutchinson at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. FMI: 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org

Saturday, April 2

6 p.m. - **Snow Valley Sno-Goers** annual meeting at clubhouse, Route 5, Andover. Potluck dinner 6 p.m. and meeting 7 p.m. Agenda: election of officers, 50/50 drawing. All welcome.

7:30 p.m. - **Kate Redgate** performs at Fryeburg Academy's Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$15, \$10 seniors, \$5 students available at box office (935-9232) or at www.fryeburgacademy.org

Sunday, April 3

3rd annual **Snowmobile SledHEAD Mania** at Mt. Abram Ski Resort, antique sled track races and hill climb drags 78 and older, to benefit Wild River Riders snowmobile club, Gilead. Rain or shine. Uncle Henry's listed the race on March 13, which is incorrect. 7 to 9 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. Drivers meeting; 10 a.m. races start. Door prizes. FMI: 890-9720.

Mondays, April 4 and 25

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Wednesday, April 6

6 to 8 p.m. - "Why Can't Johnny B. Goode at Home?" at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Board Room, Discussion

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Meditation and more** with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Cafe DiCocco. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - **Story Hours for children**, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters of**

Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat.McCartney@p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - **Knitting Group** for all levels even those who want to learn, Isabella's Sticky Buns Cafe (Main St.)

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. **Open House** at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m. - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

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U.S. Navy Sea Chanters to perform at Gould Academy

The U.S. Navy Sea Chanters will perform a free concert as part of the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Gould Performing Arts Series, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Bingham Auditorium. Ticket reservations are required.

The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus is the official chorus of the United States Navy.

The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals.

Under the leadership of Chief Musician Georgina L. Todd, the Sea Chanters appear throughout the United States and often perform at the White House, the Vice President's home and for other Washington dignitaries.

In 1956, Lt. Harold Fultz, then the band's assistant leader, organized a vocal ensemble from the Navy School of Music in Anacostia to sing chanteys and patriotic songs for the State of the Nation dinner.

An immediate success, Admiral Arleigh Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, transferred them to the Navy Band, named them the "SeaChanters" and tasked

this all-male chorus with perpetuating the songs of the sea. Female voices were added in 1980.

The Sea Chanters have become one of the pre-eminent professional choral ensembles in the country today. They have performed at national events such as the 55th Presidential Inauguration Ceremony in 2005.

They have played a vital role during national times of mourning including appearances at memorials for the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia and the Presidential wreath laying ceremony at the United Airlines Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Their performance of Amazing Grace at the national day of Prayer and Remembrance at the National Cathedral in Washington after the events of 9/11 inspired all who viewed the performance.

In 1994, the chorus provided music at the funeral of former President Nixon in Yorba Linda, Calif., and the interment of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at Arlington National Cemetery.

They have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and

with the National Symphony Orchestra for the nationally telecast "National Memorial Day Concerts" at the U.S. Capitol.

In addition the group has appeared on "Larry King Live" and "CBS This Morning" as well as at the premiere of the movie Pearl Harbor.

Noted choral directors Dale Warland and Donald Neuen have guest conducted the ensemble, and renowned composers Roger Bourland, William MacDuff and Lloyd Pfautsch have written works especially for them.

Other notable orchestral appearances include the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

For the first 25 years the men of the Sea Chanters enjoyed a great reputation performing with such stars as Perry Como, Marian Anderson and Kenny Rogers.

Throughout their history, the Sea Chanters have remained true to the Navy's watchwords of pride and professionalism.

FMF: Contact the Mahoosuc Arts Council: www.mahoosucarts.org, info@mahoosucarts.org or call 824-3575.

M.S.A.D. #44 BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 7 p.m. - TELSTAR LIBRARY AGENDA

(Note: This is a partial list of the board's business. Some routine items are not included.)

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Ms. Arizzi
Facilities & Ancillary Services Committee: Ms. Cross
Finance Committee: Mr. Smith
Negotiations Committee: Ms. Cross
Personnel Committee: Ms. Nasta
Policy Committee: Ms. Davis
Region 9 Cooperative Board: Ms. Arizzi

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Appointments and Resignations
Telstar Middle/High School Energy Audit Presentation: Mr. Alan Ballard, Bravo Zulu
Energy (Presentation of approximately 30 minutes with time for questions)

Other

IX NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion:

The Finance Committee will provide the Board with an initial overview of their work on the FY 12 budget and provide suggestions for the Board to consider as it moves forward in this budget building process.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

3. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding approval of a Mission Statement for Telstar Middle School.

(The Education Committee will have a recommendation)

4. To see what action the Board wishes to take regarding approval of a Retirement Incentive and an associated time frame for participation for eligible members of the Telstar Education Association.

(The Finance Committee will have a recommendation)

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Sunday River to Bethel

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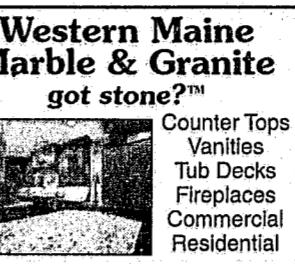
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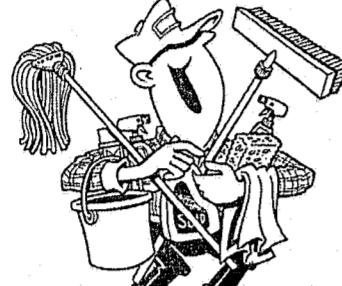
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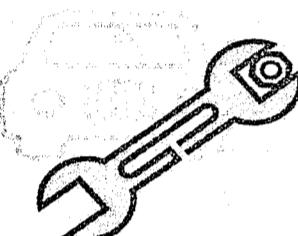


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ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church

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BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289. **Bethel Church of the Nazarene** - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church

Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational

Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

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West Bethel Union

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Pleasant Valley Bible

Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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North Paris Federation

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Oxford Hills Friends

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Christ Episcopal Church

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First Baptist Church of Paris

- On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June)

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SUMNER

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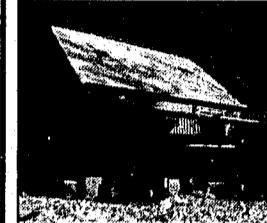
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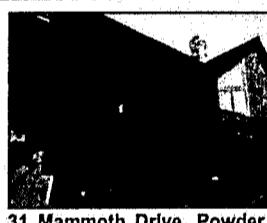
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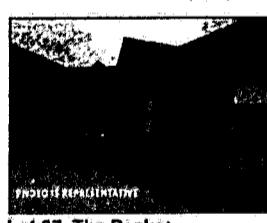
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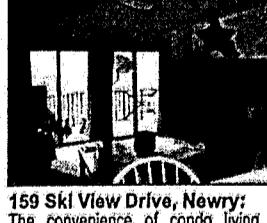
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Obituaries



ERIC H. GUNTHER

Eric H. Gunther, 47, of Nashville, Tenn., died suddenly on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Eric was born March 1, 1964 in Rumford, Maine, the son of Howard F. Gunther of West Bethel, Maine, and Sandra Olson Gunther of Bethel. He was a graduate of Telstar Regional High School, Class of 1982.

After spending some time in college he discovered his niche, which was insurance. Eric was employed in the Maine and New Hampshire area for several years. During this time he organized the Loretta Lynn Fan Club for Maine and developed a close friendship with the Lynn family. There was an insurance job available in Nashville which he took and there found his home. He was a highly successful insurance underwriter with the Willis Insurance Co. for ski resorts across the United States.

Eric's passion has always been family and friends. He was the "glue" in the family and knew everyone's birthday and all the "particulars" about each one. He had a fabulous sense of humor, saw the funny side of life, laughed a lot and brought joy to every gathering. Eric never had an

enemy. He was unfailingly kind. He had friends all over the country. He will be sadly missed by so many.

He leaves his partner, Jamie Wilson of Nashville, Tenn.; his brother, H. Scott Gunther and wife Oliva and daughter Dasha of Sandy, Utah; nieces, Ashley Gunther of Lebanon, Tenn., and Chelsea Potter and husband Mark and two daughters of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; brother, Randy Gunther and wife Ruby and daughter Haile and Maya of Rumford, Maine; sister, Patricia Gunther of Wake Forest, N.C.; aunt, Pat Gunther Carter and husband Ted of Bethel; aunts, Mildred Jackson and Caroline Merrill and her husband Charlie of Bethel; aunt, Linda Olson and husband Rick Poore of Cornish, Maine; aunt, Carol of Everett and husband Robert of West Bethel; and uncle, George Olson and Debra Olson of Bryant Pond.

Eric leaves numerous cousins, too many to name, but every one of them will miss him sorely. He took the time to frequently reach out through phone calls and e-mails or visits to everyone he loved.

A celebration of his life will be held March 27, 2011 at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel at 2 p.m.

If one wishes to make donations, please donate to an animal shelter in your area for Eric loved animals.

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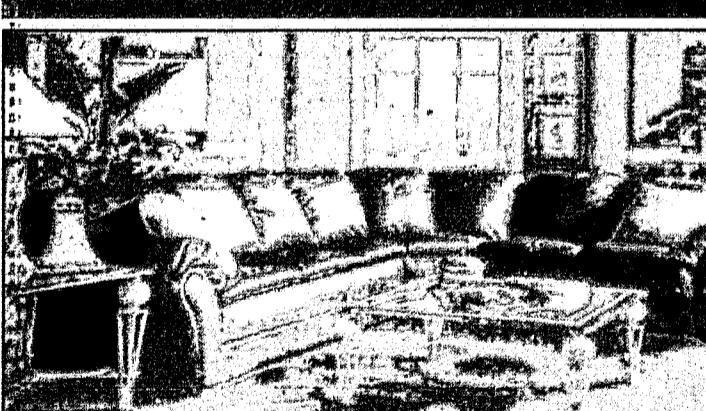
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PAMELA CONKRIGHT

Pamela Jean (Usher) Conkright went to be with the Lord on March 19, 2011.

She was born in Portland, Maine, on July 28, 1954. She married Virgil "Tink" Conkright Jr. on Nov. 19, 1972. In the past she had worked for SAD 44 as a bus driver for many years. Pam spent weekends working for PASS Tour and dedicated her time to the Maine Vintage Racing Association. Pam remained active in the church and community and was the Code Officer for Upton and Gilead. She was also co-owner of Valley Services with her husband.

She loved fishing, camping, and spending time with her husband and grandchildren. She also spent time learning new things and advocating for animals in need.

She is survived and will be missed by her husband of 38 years, Virgil "Tink" Conkright Jr., her sons, Michael and Mathew Conkright; daughter, Michelle Conkright; and her grandchildren, Ashley and Benjamin Conkright and Cody and Cassidy Hart, Blythe Conkright and Ricky McLean III. Pam is also leaving behind her brothers, David and John Usher; and sisters, Terri Tracy, Margaret Hale, Kathy Pease and Dean Usher.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m. at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene, Bethel, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the SPCA, PO Box 10, Windham, ME 04062 or any other local animal shelter.

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SCENIC VIEW TAX CONSIDERED IN GILEAD

Don't believe false promises it won't happen. Why did they pay to have the maps?

The Town of Gilead Comprehensive Plan published last March 27, 2010 contains an item that Gilead paid \$1,800 for some town maps. Two of the maps (on pages 51 and 52) were SCENIC VIEW TAX MAPS with 13 red dot designated areas identifying the areas that people living in those areas should pay an additional tax because they have a scenic view. This SCENIC VIEW TAX is in addition to their regular property tax. Why would Gilead pay for all this if they were not planning to use it? The selectmen are the ones to implement the SCENIC VIEW TAX. If you elect me as your selectman, I promise you that I WILL VOTE AGAINST THE SCENIC VIEW TAX! You may see the maps at my house (12 Bridge Street) all day Friday, the 25th, from 9 am to 9 pm. I warn you, the SCENIC VIEW TAX issue will always hang over your head long after the Ken Cole garage issue is resolved. WARNING, if you cut down a tree or two and now you can see a mountain or river - Scenic View.

Let's clear up a rumor: I am being accused of being a pro-Garage candidate running against an anti-garage candidate. I am NOT a puppet to anyone, nor do I represent special interest groups. I am running because I want to run. My desire to run (since last summer) has nothing to do with the garage issue. I have listed some of my qualifications in paid ads in this newspaper. You, the people of Gilead are important and I want to represent you. I will keep you informed and will be glad to listen to you and welcome your ideas.

Although I was disappointed with the Gilead news column by Lin Chapman, she is an excellent Treasurer and her books are accurate. If elected for selectman, I will work with Lin.

Gilead should have some recreational facilities, such as a ball field for softball/baseball, soccer, even a horseshoe pit. Children and adults could use this area. I am willing to donate some, or all of my selectman's salary toward a ball field. We can do this if we all work together.

PLEASE VOTE FOR JOE BOUDREAU FOR GILEAD SELECTMAN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011.

I have lived in Gilead at 12 Bridge Street for over 18 years. I have enjoyed attending many town meetings, selectman, fire department and planning board. I have learned so much about the town and the people of Gilead. As a selectman I would welcome the opportunity to listen to you the people. I would like to see all town meetings be handled in a more professional way, being kind to one another and listening to others ideas and opinion, even if we do not agree. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and to share ideas. We have become a divided town and I would like to help bring Gilead back together as a community.

I served on a Board of Directors for the Boy Scouts along with many other boards throughout my lifetime. This gave me the full understanding of how a board of directors should work. I feel I could bring benefit to Gilead as a selectman with this knowledge.

I am a retired but active computer consultant and have already assisted these two Gilead town officials (Beverly Corriveau, Tax Collector) with the computer and printing problems of the 2009 tax bills. In addition I have also assisted (Alicia McLean appointed by Lin Chapman as Deputy to Lin Chapman the Town Clerk and Treasurer) become more familiar and efficient with the computer program Excel. Alicia is also Administrative Assistant to the selectman. If Gilead pays the Town officials to do a job, doesn't that make them town employees?

I was unable to join the United States Military due to being blind in my right eye. I did join the Civil Defense Department and I do hold a FCC Lifetime License. (Federal Communication Commission) The Civil Defense Department deals with communications and disaster. I feel this knowledge could help the fire department in the event of an emergency.

Being part of a five member team that worked to check the accuracy of the computer programs for the Patriot Missile, I was required to undergo a background check and many levels of secret clearance checks. This alone should let people know that I am an upstanding trustworthy person.

If you would like to contact me please feel free to give me a call at 207-836-2311 or my mailing address is P.O. Box 29, West Bethel, 04286

Please Vote Joe Boudreau Town of Gilead Selectman

Births

Erin and DJ Deprey of Newry are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brooklyn Riley Deprey, born on March 5, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are James and Marjorie Osgood of Newry.

Paternal grandparents are Dave and Karen Deprey of Fort Kent.

Brooklyn Riley joins her brother, Connor James, age 3.

Nariko and Nicholas Conant of Gilead are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Orianna Lyn, born on March 15, 2011 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dawn and Buddy Welch of West Paris and Bill Shimamura of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Darlene and Christopher Conant of Auburn.

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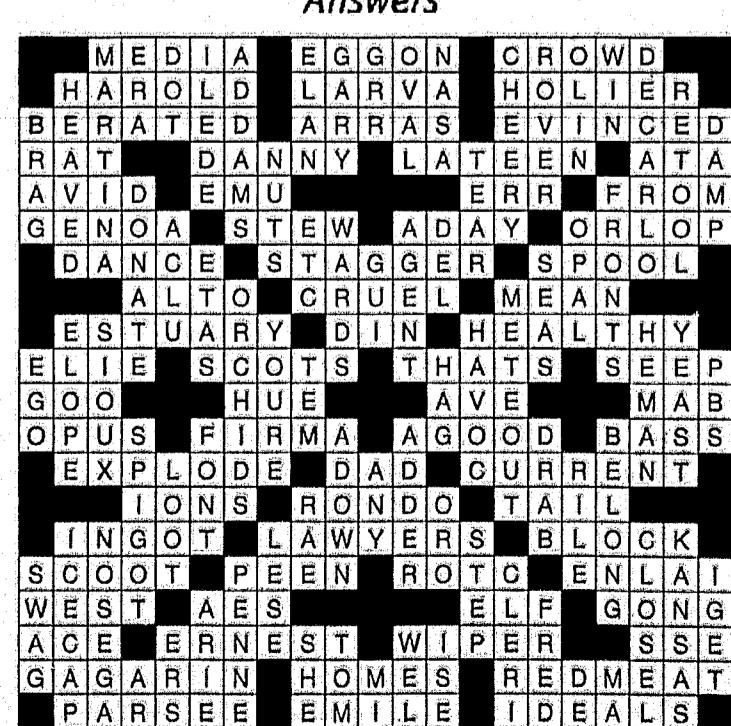
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